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Our Ref. : 07-T-004-JK.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BASLER SECURITAS VERSICHERUNGS AG,

07 Civ. 7866 (HB)

Plaintiff,

- against -

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC., EXPEDITORS
INTERNATIONAL OF WASHINGTON, INC., TOWNE
AIR FREIGHT, INC. and CENTRAL STATES
TRUCKING COMPANY,

EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL
OF WASHINGTON, INC.'S ANSWER
TO CONTINGENT CROSS-CLAIMS
OF CENTRAL STATES TRUCKING
COMPANY

Defendants.

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Defendant, EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL GmbH, by their attorneys, Badiak, & Will, LLP, as and for their Answer to the Contingent Cross-Claims of Co-Defendant Central States Trucking Company, alleges upon information and belief as follows:

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in those paragraphs of the Contingent Cross-Claim of Central States Trucking Company designated "31" and "32", except that it denies the allegations in those paragraphs which relate to the answering defendant.

AS AND FOR ITS FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

2. The Contingent Cross-claims alleged by Co-Defendant Central States Trucking Company, fail to state causes of action for which relief can be granted against this Defendant.

AS AND FOR ITS SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

3. Defendant's liability, if any, is limited in accordance with the applicable contracts of carriage or other contracts, bill of lading, tariffs and/or applicable regulations, statutes or treaties.

AS AND FOR ITS THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

4. The alleged damage did not occur while the shipment was in the custody or control of this defendant and/or was not due to any breach of duty owed by this answering defendant.

AS AND FOR ITS FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. If the shipment was lost or damaged as alleged in the underlying complaint, which is denied, any such loss or damage was caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Plaintiff and/or the Co-Defendants, their respective agents and/or other parties over which this Defendant had no control and for whose negligence this defendant is not responsible, and without any negligence on the part of this answering Defendant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, Defendant EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL OF WASHINGTON, INC., demands judgment against the defendant CENTRAL STATES TRUCKING COMPANY dismissing the Contingent Cross-Claims and for judgment in favor of Expeditors International of Washington, Inc., and against Co-Defendant Central States Trucking Company, for indemnification, together with interest and the costs and disbursements of this action and all other relief which this Court may find just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: Mineola, New York
March 25, 2008

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Attorneys for Plaintiff,
EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL
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By:

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

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COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, **Jackie Moore**, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am not a party to the within action, am over 18 years of age and reside at c/o Badiak & Will, LLP, 106 Third Street, Mineola, New York, 11501-4404. On March 26, 2008, I served the within **EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL OF WASHINGTON, INC.'S ANSWER TO CONTINGENT CROSS-CLAIMS OF CENTRAL STATES TRUCKING COMPANY** on:

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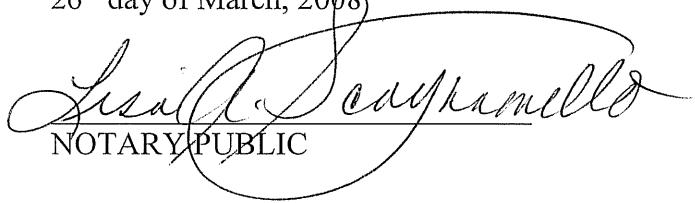
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by depositing a true copy thereof enclosed in a post-paid wrapper in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Service within New York State.



Jackie Moore

Sworn to before me this
26th day of March, 2008



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